

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO:

TITLE VII—TRANSPORTATION FUELS

Subtitle A—Alternative Fuel Programs

SEC. 701. USE OF ALTERNATIVE FUELS BY DUAL-FUELED VEHICLES.

No substantive changes from the March 25 staff draft.

SEC. 702. FUEL USE CREDITS.

- Specifies that credits apply to vehicles weighing more than 8,500 pounds gross vehicle weight rating
- Maintains existing law that places a 50 percent cap on use of fuel credits in any one year, and prohibits banking and trading of fuel credits (“treatment as section 508”).

SEC. 703. NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

- Modifies definition of “neighborhood electric vehicle” to include safety and speed requirements

SEC. 704. CREDITS FOR MEDIUM AND HEAVY DUTY DEDICATED VEHICLES. *(new section)*

Amends the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to allow Federal fleets or covered persons to earn multiple credits towards compliance with alternative fuel vehicle purchase mandates through purchase of medium-duty vehicles (greater than 8,500 lbs. gross vehicle weight, 2 credits) or heavy-duty vehicles (greater than 14,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight, 3 credits).

SEC. 705. ALTERNATIVE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE.

- Modifies definition of qualifying infrastructure to exclude training and education
- Allows for “equivalent expenditures”, rather than “in-kind services” to earn credits

SEC. 706. INCREMENTAL COST ALLOCATION. *(new section added)*

Requires the General Services Administration to allocate the incremental cost of alternative fueled vehicles compared to comparable gasoline vehicles across the entire fleet of motor vehicles distributed by the GSA, instead of on a vehicle-by-vehicle basis.

SEC. 707. REVIEW OF ALTERNATIVE FUEL PROGRAMS.

- Extends time frame for completion of the study to one year, and clarifies that report to Congress should come at the completion of the study

SEC. 708. HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE EXCEPTION.

No substantive changes from the March 25 staff draft.

Subtitle B—Automobile Fuel Economy

SEC. 711. AUTOMOBILE FUEL ECONOMY STANDARDS.

No substantive changes from the March 25 staff draft.

SEC. 712. DUAL FUELED AUTOMOBILES.

No substantive changes from the March 25 staff draft.

SEC. 713. FEDERAL FLEET FUEL ECONOMY.

- Changes requirements for increases in Federal fleet fuel economy to at least 3 miles per gallon by 2005, rather than phasing in increases over three years.

SEC. 714. RAILROAD EFFICIENCY.

- Adds EPA to research partnership

SEC. 715. REDUCTION OF ENGINE IDLING IN HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES.

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